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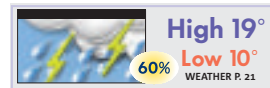
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Police want panhandler crackdown

Something must be done, council hears; report due in October

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

Complaints of panhandling in the downtown core have doubled over the past year and frustrated police want the city to give them more options to combat the problem, city council was told yesterday.

Council has no immediate plans to deal with the issue. Mayor Stephen Mandel agreed that the problem is unacceptable, and that he is often harassed.

"I can't tell you the number of times I get people saying, 'Oh, Mr. Mayor,' and come ask me for money," Mandel said. "Often times, even I get scared when people ask me for money, and I'm not a single person walking alone in the downtown area at night."

A report to deal with the problem is due back to the Community Services Committee in October.

"Since we've gotten into the

economic boom, we're seeing more panhandling than we ever have in the past," said police Supt. John Findlay. "It's starting to spread out through the city."

Currently, the legislation deals with "crowding, jostling, or harassing," which only applies to aggressive panhandlers. Police say the bylaw needs to be changed to target those who passively panhandle near banks, bus stops and other public places.

police presence

» Police Supt. John Findlay said 15 special constables will be walking the streets through the summer to help curb the issue by issuing summons and through increased presence.

"The problem is that it affects the average, everyday citizen in this city going to and from their work," Findlay said. "People are fed up with this, are tired of being approached and are feeling their personal safety is being compromised — the problem is, we have to follow the law."

Findlay said that police are seeing more instances of aggression in panhandlers, and warns citizens to just keep on walking.

"Don't engage with them. If you decline to give them money, our experience is some of them become more aggressive," Findlay said.

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Workin' it

Vancouver's Curtis Santiago, originally from Sherwood Park, performs on the street stage of the Works festival in Churchill Square yesterday at noon. It was a special performance for the soul and rap artist as the day also marked the debut of his music video on MTV.

Airport not cutting fees

Don't expect to see any fees dropping anytime soon at the Edmonton International Airport even after Ottawa's air gateway dropped its rate by five per cent this week because of soaring jet fuel prices.

Airport spokeswoman Traci Bednard says the rates airlines pay have remained the same for three years.

"Rather than having a rollback, we made a commitment years ago to do whatever we could to not raise our rates to airlines," said Bednard.

Beginning July 1, terminal fees at the Ottawa International Airport will be scaled back to give airline companies a \$300,000 break. Air Canada and WestJet Airlines Ltd. praised the move.

JEFF CUMMINGS/METRO EDMONTON

Grenade found in backyard

A woman arrived at the southeast police station on the weekend with a strange package that turned out to be a Canadian army grenade in its original packaging.

Both Edmonton Police and military police are investigating how the grenade got in the woman's backyard on Sunday, located near Mill Woods Park.

Police want to remind Edmontonians to not touch or move any suspicious packages they come across and to call police immediately.

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New LRT cars offer bigger doors, A/C and brighter lights

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

Edmonton's newest trains are almost ready to hit the rails.

Thirty-seven shiny new LRT cars will double the existing number of vehicles in the city's fleet.

Eleven of the cars will be used to bump up the number of riders on the existing Health Sciences to Clareview line, while the remaining 26 will hit the tracks with the brand-



PHOTOS BY BEN LEMPHERS/METRO EDMONTON

One of the new SD160 LRT vehicles on display yesterday at the D.L. MacDonald maintenance facility in the city's northeast. RIGHT: Edmonton Coun. Ed Gibbons, MLA Thomas Lukaszuk, MP Laurie Hawt, MLA Tony Vandermeer and Mayor Stephen Mandel test out one of 37 new LRT vehicles yesterday at the D.L. MacDonald maintenance facility in the city's northeast.

the past few years."

The new cars are hailed for their convenience-minded design. Doors are bigger, signs are brighter and more visible, and each car is air-conditioned. The last LRT units were purchased in 1982.

"These are nice, new units,"

said Mayor Stephen Mandel at the unveiling of the new cars yesterday. "They are way more modern-looking than the old guys."

Mandel said expansion of the LRT is costing the city over \$800 million. Officials anticipate the addition of the cars



will double ridership, bringing the daily tally up to 100,000.

"Edmonton has grown to be a big city," said MLA Thomas

Lukaszuk. "Moving people on roads in large numbers is no longer an option."

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Catholic bishops air fears over vaccine

By JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Edmonton

Six Alberta Catholic bishops are urging parents to educate their children about sexual abstinence fearing that a new provincially funded vaccine that prevents cervical cancer is sending out the wrong message.

HPV

» About 40 Alberta women die each year from cervical cancer.

The provincial government earlier this month announced it will fund and offer the HPV vaccine to girls in Grade 5 beginning in September and to Grade 9 girls next year.

Each student will need parental consent for the vaccine.

In a statement, the Catholic bishops say the vaccine has raised ethical questions for Catholic schools because the shots "may deliver an unintended message that casual sex is to be expected on the part of students."

"It is important that young people be educated about sexuality and sex, as well as learning about sexually transmitted diseases," said the bishops.

"So-called 'casual' or 'recreational' sexual activity carries with it profound risks to a young person's spiritual, emotional, moral and physical health."

At least one Catholic school district in Ontario voted in favour of not allowing the vaccine on school premises.

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Officer kicked on Whyte

Whyte Avenue weekend drunks are back with a vengeance, police said yesterday.

Seven people were arrested early Sunday morning for various drunk and disorderly activities.

One fellow was arrested for "causing a disturbance" around 104 Street and 81 Avenue. During the arrest, the

man allegedly attempted to head butt an officer and kicked him in the chest while fleeing, police said.

Police caught up with the man and detained him.

Tyler Neil Iampen, 24, is charged with causing a disturbance, assaulting a peace officer and escaping lawful custody.

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Shaken or stirred, Pink Martini is guaranteed to please as they play the Winspear Centre tonight at 7:30 p.m. The internationally recognized "little orchestra" is in town as part of Edmonton's International Jazz Festival. Tickets are \$52.50.

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Packed house first day of upgrader hearing

ERCB to decide if oilsands plant gets green light

By JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Edmonton

Environmental groups and hundreds of residents jammed a small boardroom yesterday on the first day of a hearing to kick off their fight against a proposed Petro-Canada oilsands upgrader plant northeast of Edmonton.

Many residents from the area, dubbed "Upgrader Alley," were forced to listen to the hearing from the hallway at the Lakeview Inn in Fort Saskatchewan during the Energy Conservation Resources Board Hearing as the room was filled to capacity.

"It is fairly typical to see large numbers on the first day of a big hearing," said ERCB section leader Bob Curran. "I am not surprised to see a good turnout and we were expecting this."

The ERCB will be spending two weeks to determine whether or not it will give the project — which turns heavy oil into synthetic crude — the green light.

The planned \$14 billion upgrader is expected to use



Greenpeace protesters, from left, Elizabeth Olson Glover, Paul Baker and Denise Ogonoski protest outside a Fort Saskatchewan hotel yesterday while hundreds of residents inside debated a planned Petro-Canada upgrader many say will swallow up their farms and anchorages.

14.5 cubic metres of water per year that will be recycled water collected from waste water treatment plants, said Petro-Canada vice-president Neil Camarta.

Camarta says construction will begin on the project this fall if it's approved by the ERCB.

"This is an environmen-

tally sustainable facility," said Camarta to reporters yesterday. "Water is an issue in the oilsands and we are not using any fresh water, we are recycling waste water."

"We are not just meeting all of the expected emission standards and regulations, we're exceeding them."

« *This is an environmentally sustainable facility... Water is an issue in the oilsands and we are not using any fresh water, we are recycling waste water.* »

Petro-Canada vice-president
Neil Camarta

Twelve more upgraders have been slated for the area in Premier Ed Stelmach's riding or have already been approved by the province, said the group of landowners.

And several other residents are suffering from many forms of cancer in the area known for its toxic air, says landowner Maureen Chichak. She says two non-smoking farmers have died of lung cancer in the area they've dubbed "Cancer Alley."

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Killer testifies in Courtepatte case

By VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Edmonton

Convicted killer Michael Williams sat shackled in court yesterday, testifying that a woman nicknamed "Buffy" repeatedly stabbed 13-year-old Nina Courtepatte, after he and Joseph Laboucan had finished raping her.

The 19-year-old woman, who was 17 at the time of the brutal rape and murder, is the fifth and final person accused of the crime. She is charged with first-degree murder, sexual assault and kidnapping.

"She stabbed her twice in the neck with a throwing knife," Williams said, appearing emotionless on the witness stand.

With no remorse in his voice, Williams told the court yesterday that after Joseph Laboucan raped Courtepatte,

tried as an adult

» Williams is currently serving a life sentence for Courtepatte's murder. Though he too was 17 at the time of the crime, a judge found his actions so malicious, that he was tried as an adult and convicted in October.

he himself raped her a second time, before beating her in the head with a sledgehammer.

He said that afterward, Buffy jumped on the girl, stabbing her with throwing knives he'd given her as a gift.

Williams said that days after Nina was left laying dead on the grounds of the golf course, Buffy visited him at home to let him know she'd disposed of the knives.

"She said that she got rid of the knives and cleaned them off."

The trial continues today.

Pair face charges after brawl

Police were called in to a bizarre brawl at a northwest eatery Sunday evening.

A group of people inside the restaurant on 172 Street and Stony Plain Road were making faces at patrons in the drive thru.

Shortly thereafter, two men stormed into the restaurant and began to punch and kick a group of people, according to police.

When other customers attempted to intervene, one of the men allegedly started blasting pepper spray around.

The two suspects fled the scene but were apprehended by police after one of the patrons caught their licence plate number.

Viacheslav Aronov, 22, and Aleksandr Aronov, 19, are both facing assault charges.

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Whyte hot art

Fourth annual celebration set for July 11-13



attractions

» The market will attract Avenue merchants like Chicken Scratch, Sanctuary, Alhambra Books, Top Gear Scooters and Polly Magoos L'tee, and will feature a huge fashion show with over 40 local designers, according to Shirley Lowe, executive director of the Old Strathcona Business Association. Two live bands are also scheduled to perform.

By ERIC BOWLING
for Metro Edmonton

Whyte Avenue is hosting Edmonton's fourth annual Art Walk festival from July 11-13.

In its fourth year, the party is a celebration of Edmonton's arts community, with

over 200 local artists displaying their work, including the Edmonton Sculpture Association.

The highlight of the festival will be on Sunday, July

13, when from 12-5 p.m. Whyte Avenue will be closed to traffic from Gateway Boulevard (103 Street) to 105 Street and an open street market will rule the day.

Licence test expands options

Exam available in 7 new languages

Up-and-coming drivers in Alberta need not speak English or French to begin learning how to drive — the government now offers the learner's permit exam in seven additional languages.

"Offering the test in different languages reflects the fact that Alberta is growing

and people are coming to this province from many parts of the world," said Luke Ouellette, Minister of Transportation.

"The intent is to test people's knowledge of the rules of the road."

The cost of administering the test in the many different languages is about \$65,000.

Those wishing to take the test in a language not cov-

languages offered

» The \$17 class 7 driver's licence test, available at any registry, is now offered in English, French, Spanish, Tagalog (Filipino), traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, Hindi and Punjabi.

ered are required to supply their own translators.

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A debate over unleashed dog rights in Toronto neighbourhoods could be connected to the poisoning of at least six animals over the weekend, said a Toronto police investigator yesterday. Six dogs fell ill after drinking from a hydrant that had traces of anti-freeze. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Harper cabinet shuffle expected soon

Emerson likely to take on foreign affairs full-time

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says his upcoming cabinet shuffle, expected any day now that Parliament has broken for the summer, will be a minor tweak to the ministerial ranks to fill the gap left by Maxime Bernier's departure as foreign affairs minister.

Harper asked International Trade Minister David Emerson to step into the foreign affairs post temporarily when Bernier resigned last month after leaving classified documents at the home of ex-girlfriend Julie Couillard.

Emerson will attend the G-8 foreign ministers' meetings in Japan this week and many expect him to be asked to continue in the role, although he and Harper have



senior shuffle coming

» Some insiders say the prime minister has suggested a larger shuffle could come in the fall if there is no election. In the meantime, it's expected at least 20 per cent of senior ministerial aides could be shuffled out.

different views of how to approach China.

Emerson's cool handling of questions around NAFTA — when it became a political hot potato in the U.S. — and around the Afghanistan

prison break is said to have impressed Harper.

That scenario would see the prime minister likely shift a junior minister or parliamentary secretary such as Diane Ablonczy, Ted Menzies

or Christian Paradis into the international trade job, at least until a more major shuffle, possibly in the fall.

"I believe that most of our ministers are just beginning to hit their stride in their portfolios," Harper said last week in Huntsville.

"I don't believe this would be the time for major changes to cabinet," Harper told reporters. "I see no need for a comprehensive overhaul

now."

While some have suggested Finance Minister Jim Flaherty might be pegged for a move given his inflammatory comments on Ontario's economic prospects under the McGuinty government, many inside government say Harper is unlikely to do anything that would send a broader signal about uncertainty over the economy.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

First Canadian terror trial begins

Khawaja facing life in prison for his alleged role in plot

By **TRACEY TONG**
Metro Ottawa

An Ottawa man was responsible for designing and creating a remote-controlled bomb detonator as part of a plot to attack populated areas of the United Kingdom, a downtown courtroom heard yesterday.

Mohammad Momin Khawaja, 29, created the device he called the "Hi-Fi Digimonster" as his part of a U.K. bomb plot, prosecutor David McKercher charged yesterday during opening statements into one of the highest profile cases in Ottawa's history.

Citing intercepted e-mails and wiretapped conversations, McKercher described how Khawaja, a software developer who outwardly lived a middle-class life in Orleans, held extremist views and was



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Azra Khawaja, left, and Mahboob Khawaja, the parents of Mohammad Momin Khawaja, leave the Ottawa courthouse yesterday during a break in their son's terror trial.

prepared to participate in killing civilians.

The court will hear evidence that Khawaja was part of a plan to build and detonate a bomb made from 600 kilograms of ammonium nitrate-based fertilizer "that could

cause massive destruction," said McKercher.

The first Canadian to be charged under a post-9/11 anti-terrorism law, Khawaja faces seven terror-related charges.

If convicted, he faces life in

prison.

He pleaded not guilty to all counts.

Khawaja was arrested in March 2004 at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, where he worked.

Witness' testimony hearsay, lawyer says

Khawaja's attorney argues evidence is 'prejudicial, unfair'

Junaid Babar.

Greenspon argued that much of what Babar — a convicted al Qaeda supporter turned informant — said about his client was based on what third parties told him and what he had heard others say.

"The evidence is prejudicial, unfair, and Mr. Khawaja is not going to have much of an opportunity to answer it because the persons who supposedly made these comments to Mr. Babar are not being produced," Greenspon later told reporters.

REUTERS

The lawyer for Momin Khawaja interrupted the prosecution's first witness at the Ottawa man's terror trial yesterday, claiming much of the man's testimony hinged on hearsay.

"This is an iceberg and we're just seeing the tip of it," Ottawa lawyer Lawrence Greenspon told the judge, referring to the testimony of Crown witness, Mohammed

» news In Brief



» **MAD COW** A case of mad cow disease has been discovered in B.C. It is the third since 2005 for the province and the 13th case in Canada. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said there was no risk to public health.

» **TASER** An Ontario man died yesterday after being Tasered by the Ontario Provincial Police, the force said in a press release. The incident occurred in Norfolk County, about 130 km southwest of Toronto.

METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Bernardo confession may clear man

Crown calling for exoneration due to 'fresh evidence'

The Ontario Crown has conceded a 40-year-old London, Ont., roofer should be exonerated of a 1987 knifepoint assault on a 15-year-old Scarborough, Ont., girl,

which serial killer Paul Bernardo has confessed to committing.

"The fresh evidence points to only one conclusion, Paul Bernardo committed this attack," Crown counsel Howard Leibovich said in a written legal argument filed yesterday in the Ontario



explains guilty plea

» In an affidavit filed with the court, Hanemaayer explained he opted to plead guilty because he was advised a conviction was likely and a plea would gain leniency.

Court of Appeal.

The Crown submitted its material in connection with a hearing that's scheduled to

take place tomorrow in the case of Anthony Hanemaayer, who was arrested on the strength of eyewitness

identification evidence from the mother of the teenage victim. The woman caught a glimpse of the knife-wielding assailant after hearing a noise inside the house and opening her daughter's door to find a sandy-haired man, approximately 20 years old, straddling the bed in the

darkened room. He jumped off the bed and ran down the stairs.

Hanemaayer pleaded guilty part way through his 1989 trial. He is now asking the court to withdraw his guilty pleas, set aside his convictions and enter acquittals.

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Kill carbon tax, urges B.C. NDP

By JEFF HODSON
Metro Vancouver

B.C. provincial New Democrat Leader Carole James wants Premier Gordon Campbell to scrap the carbon tax before it takes effect next week.

"People are really angry," said James, who protested the impending tax in Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon's Surrey-Cloverdale riding yesterday with four Surrey NDP MLAs.

Environment Minister Barry Penner, however, called the NDP campaign "political opportunism of the worst kind."

"Climate change is going to affect future generations," Penner said.

The carbon tax, which was unveiled in February by former finance minister Carole Taylor, begins July 1 and will initially raise gas prices by 2.4 cents per litre at the pumps.

By 2012, the tax will rise to 7.2 cents per litre.

Environmental groups, like the David Suzuki Foundation, have called a carbon tax a "powerful incentive" to pollute less and invest in green technology.

Corporate and income tax cuts, as well as a credit for low-income families and a one-time \$100 climate-action dividend, make the tax revenue neutral.

report

» Penner said the NDP is being "disingenuous or dishonest" and points to the party's recently released Framework for Real Climate Action that calls for a "carbon tax at source."



world

In a study of more than 3 million adults, scientists in Texas found that hospital patients who abused amphetamines were 61 per cent more likely than other people to be treated for a heart attack. **REUTERS**

UN blasts Zimbabwe vote

Security Council says fair election 'impossible'

The UN Security Council declared yesterday that a free and fair run-off presidential election in Zimbabwe would be impossible now due to violence and restrictions on the opposition.

The nonbinding statement, the council's first formal action on Zimbabwe, was

adopted unanimously. This means it had the backing of South Africa, China and Russia, which had long opposed any council discussion of the crisis in Zimbabwe.

"The Security Council regrets that the campaign of violence and the restrictions on the political opposition have made it impos-

sible for a free and fair election to take place on June 27," the statement said.

«... **The restrictions on the political opposition have made it impossible for a free and fair election to take place on June 27.**»

UN Security Council statement

the election will take place on Friday," Boniface Chidzaisiku told reporters.

The Security Council text was watered down from an earlier version, which explicitly blamed President Robert Mugabe's government for the crisis and said opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai would be the legitimate leader if a credible run-off election cannot be held.

However, the final version says the council "notes that the results of the 29 March 2008 elections must be respected." **REUTERS**

U.S. troops kill 55 Taliban in ambush

Eastern front sees rise in violence

U.S.-led coalition troops killed some 55 Taliban insurgents who ambushed them in southeastern Afghanistan, close to the Pakistan border, the U.S. military said yesterday.

There has been a sharp rise in violence along Afghanistan's eastern frontier in recent months. NATO generals say de-facto ceasefires between Pakistan's new government and militants in its border region free up insurgents to infiltrate into Afghanistan.

Taliban insurgents ambushed the coalition forces with small arms fire and

Pakistan setback

» Pakistani militants loyal to Taliban commander Baitullah Mehsud captured a town at the entrance to the South Waziristan tribal region yesterday after a battle with pro-government tribesmen, police said.

rocket-propelled grenades in the Zerok district of Paktika province on Friday, a U.S. military statement said.

Among those killed were three Taliban leaders.

"Around 55 anti-Afghan forces were killed, 25 wounded and three detained as part of the combined response of coalition ground and air forces," the statement said. **REUTERS**

Weather hampers ferry rescue efforts

Many passengers feared trapped

Rescuers halted efforts yesterday night to find nearly 800 people missing from a capsized ferry in the Philippines as darkness fell and large swells prevented divers from drilling holes into the doomed vessel.

Many passengers were feared trapped inside the Princess of Stars after a handful of survivors said people were still onboard when the ship sank off the central island of Sibuyan in waves as big as houses during Saturday's typhoon.

But officials held little hope of finding people alive in air pockets on the ferry.

"We feel there is no life inside," said Lieutenant-Colonel Edgardo Arevalo, a Philippine navy spokesman.

The ship was resting upside down with the tip of its bow above water and its stern

over 50 found alive

» So far, over 50 people have been found alive and at least 20 have been reported dead out of 864 passengers and crew on board.

resting on the bottom of the sea, easily visible from shore.

The coast guard said divers would cut open the 23,824 ton vessel today after rescue efforts were halted for the night.

At least 20 new survivors and 15 bodies were found close to Masbate island, at least 70 kilometres away from where the ship sank.

"We are still working on the positive identification of the survivors as well as the fatalities," Captain Gilbert Rueros said.

The United States was sending a military ship, the USNS Stockham, with helicopters on board, to help with rescue efforts. **REUTERS**



Betty Suson shows a photographer a picture of her daughter Marites Suson next to a notice board where pictures of missing passengers of the capsized ferry, MV Princess of Stars are being posted in Cebu City, Central Philippines yesterday.

Floods kill 35 in China

Floods, landslides and hail in the southwestern Chinese province of Yunnan have killed 35 people, state media said yesterday.

The storms have affected around 1.9 million people and caused losses of some 575 million yuan (\$85 mil-

lion) in the province, the official Xinhua news agency said, though it did not specify a timeframe.

In the eastern province of Anhui, torrential rain and floods over the weekend affected about 541,000 people, it added. **REUTERS**

»news In Brief

» **CAMP** International donors offered \$120 million yesterday to help rebuild a Palestinian refugee camp badly damaged in fighting between Islamist militants and the Lebanese army last year. The Austrian foreign ministry, hosting a conference in Vienna, said the sum had been pledged for the Nahr al-Bared camp in northern Lebanon. It did not

give a breakdown of the donations by country.

» **DRUNK** Police in Australia have charged a man for drunk driving in a motorized wheelchair after he was found to be six times over the legal alcohol limit, local media reported yesterday. **REUTERS**



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Campaign urges deep emission cuts

Most government plans don't go far enough: Experts

The world should cut the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to below that of 20 years ago, more deeply than most government plans, to avoid the worst of climate change, a group of 150 advocates said yesterday.

"We've gone too far — in a dangerous direction," scientists, politicians, business leaders and others said in full-page advertisements in the Financial Times, the New York Times, the International Herald Tribune and two

Swedish dailies.

"Remember this number (350) for the rest of your life," said the headline of the advertisement, the latest by ad-

vocates in a battle over the shape of a new world treaty on climate change due to be agreed by the end of 2009.

Signatories included U.S.

scientists James Hansen and Robert Corell, the European Union's Environment Agency, ex-Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson and

Jose Maria Figueres, former President of Costa Rica. It was backed by the Stockholm Environment Institute and the Swedish Tallberg Foundation.

350 ppm

» The ad said that concentrations of carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas emitted by burning fossil fuels, should be cut to below 350 parts per million (ppm) of the atmosphere, well below current levels of 385 ppm.

It said that Hansen, of NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Studies, warned the U.S. Congress on June 23, 1988

about rising levels of carbon dioxide from human activities, led by burning fossil fuels. At the time, levels were at 350.

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River rising Under threat in Bangladesh



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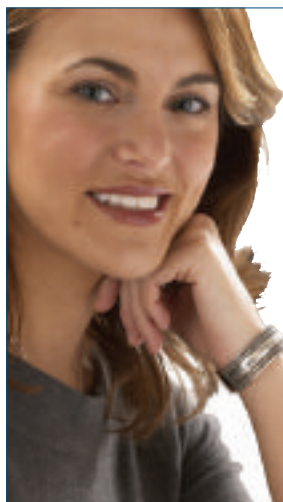
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Banks want concessions

All options on table in BCE deal, sources say

Banks funding the planned \$34.1 billion takeover of telecommunications company BCE Inc. have asked for more significant economic concessions and have weighed altering or scuttling the deal, sources familiar with the situation said yesterday.

The concessions include adding safeguards to the debt agreements, or seeking more lucrative terms on lending.

The banks also have actively considered walking away from the deal, the sources said. "All options are on the table. Everything you would normally consider is being considered — sticking

background

» BCE won a legal victory Friday after the Supreme Court of Canada backed the company in a battle against a group of bondholders, but negotiations continue between the banks, the buyers and BCE on the terms of the funding, sources said.

with the deal, changing the terms, or walking away. It's all still very much up for discussion," said one source.

Shares of BCE hit a high of \$38.12 yesterday, but closed at \$36.58 on the Toronto Stock Exchange as investors weighed the news of the Supreme Court decision against the risk of renegotiated terms. The stock trades below the \$42.75 per share offer.

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EU reforms Setback to treaty



London-based group Open Europe displays a banner outside the European Commission headquarters in Brussels. EU leaders must press ahead with ambitious policies on climate change and energy to counter surging oil prices and help overcome the political setback of Ireland's "No" to the EU reform treaty, the European Commission chief said.

Occidental buys stake in oilsands

Occidental Petroleum Corp said yesterday it is buying a stake in a major Canadian oil sands project for \$500 million, giving it a foothold in one of the world's biggest de-

veloping oil plays.

The Los Angeles-based oil company said it would acquire 15 per cent of the multibillion-dollar Joslyn oil sands project in northern Al-

berta from Enerplus Resources Fund. The move marks Occidental's re-entry into Canada, after selling its stake in Nexen Inc. in 2000.

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» **ENERGY** Oil rose \$1.38 to \$136.74 yesterday as Nigerian supply disruptions and escalating tensions between Israel and Iran outweighed Saudi Arabia's pledge to raise output.

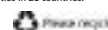
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Dempster carries Cubs

The Cubs are all the rage in Chicago these days — actually, throughout baseball — as they rank as MLB's top team and threaten to end their 100-year drought as World Series champions.

They wouldn't be in this lofty position, however, were it not for a Canadian pitcher. Baseball buffs, in fact, are starting to tout Ryan Dempster

— of Gibsons, B.C. — as the logical choice to start for the NL in the All-Star

Game at Yankee Stadium in three weeks.

"Ryan's definitely got the numbers," Cubs manager Lou Piniella told me via tele-

phone yesterday. "If I had to pick one player who's most responsible for what we've done in the first half this season, it might just be Ryan. He's quite a story."

That's a considerably different tune than Piniella was whistling about Dempster last season, when the right-hander struggled lamentably in the role of closer for the Cubs. He finished 2007 with a record of 2-7 and an earned-run average of 4.73, which wasn't really

much better than the 1-9 and 4.80 he posted as a Chicago reliever in 2006.

After the stench he created out of the Cubs' bullpen, how-

ever, Dempster was transformed this season into a starter by Piniella, and the results have been, well, deodorizing.

At 31, Dempster is 9-2, with a 2.63 ERA. He is perfect this year at Chicago's Wrigley Field (9-0), where the Cubs have won 14 consecutive games — their longest winning streak since 1936. The team is 12-3 in games Dempster has started. On Sunday night, he turned in a gem in a victory over the crosstown rival White Sox at a Wrigley Field sellout. Standing ovations were directed at him twice during the internationally televised game.

Translation: Dempster is

a shoo-in as MLB's comeback player of the year.

"It's like I'm a different person," he said in an interview. "I'm giving all the credit to (Cubs clubhouse attendant) Otis Hellman. He's a great cook. It really gets you prepared. I'm trying now to see if I can get him cooking for us on the road."

In reality, Dempster's conditioning has been considerably more responsible for his revival than Hellman's culinary talents.

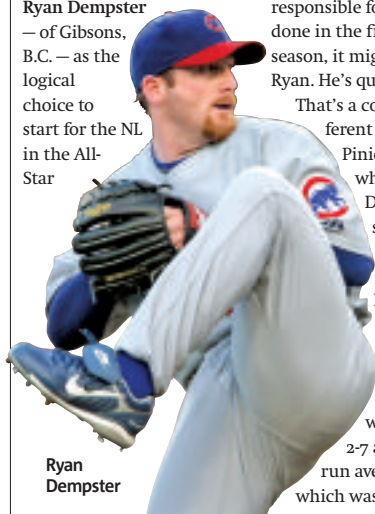
"You throw a lot more innings as a starter than you do as a closer," Dempster said, "so I realized before the season that I'd better get my body in better shape. I've been working out like crazy, like I never have before, and I know I'm stronger because of it. I'm a lot more confident. I'm thinking big, and I'm performing a lot better and I'm getting great results."

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Ryan Dempster

»sports In Brief

» **NHL** The Ray Emery era in Ottawa is officially over. The Senators bought out the remaining two years of the maligned goaltender's contract yesterday for \$2.25 million US, thus making him an unrestricted free agent. Emery, 25, went 12-13-4 with a 3.13 GAA and a .890 save percentage in 31 games this past season.

» **OLYMPICS** Kobe Bryant and LeBron James, the NBA's MVP and its leading scorer, headed the 12-man U.S. Olympic basketball team named yesterday for the

Beijing Games. New Orleans Hornets point guard Chris Paul and Toronto Raptors forward Chris Bosh were also included in the squad.



Emery

» **MLB** The news was mostly good for Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Shaun Marcum yesterday. Marcum was examined by Dr. James Andrews yesterday and the famed orthopedist agreed with the club's diagnosis of strained ligaments in the right forearm and elbow that will not require surgery. Marcum was placed on the DL on Saturday.

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Dancevic delivers Wimbledon upset

Canadian ousts No. 7 Nalbandian

Former finalist David Nalbandian became the highest men's seed to perish in the opening round at Wimbledon yesterday, beaten 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 by Canada's Frank Dancevic.

The seventh-seeded Argentine, runner-up in 2002, looked completely out of sorts, bamboozled by winners flying off Dancevic's racket.

The 95th-ranked Dancevic, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., put Nalbandian out of misery with a booming ace, his 16th of the match.

"I expected better than this for sure," said Nalbandian, who hinted he was injured but refused to elaborate.

Dancevic will next face American Bobby Reynolds as he bids to reach the third round of a grand slam for the first time.



ALISSA MERIDIANO/REUTERS

Canada's Frank Dancevic reacts after his win over Argentina's David Nalbandian yesterday at Wimbledon.

In yesterday's other action, world No. 1 Roger Federer began his pursuit of a modern-era record sixth successive Wimbledon title by dismantling his old doubles partner Dominik Hrbaty 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. Joining Federer in round two are Novak Djokovic, Lleyton Hewitt, Marat Safin, Serena Williams, Ana Ivanovic, Amelie Mauresmo and Svetlana Kuznetsova.

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Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Frugal freedom

Setting goals goes a long way when saving for school

By RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Edmonton

Let's face it: School costs plenty and money doesn't grow on trees. The key to surviving financially as a student then is to learn how to stretch the limited funds you do have to make it seem like you've got a money tree sprouting in your dorm room.

Of course, frugal freedom starts, ironically enough, by setting your limits.

Sandra Daga, an accounting professor at the University of Toronto and an experienced chartered accountant herself, says having a plan for your money and sticking to it is the only way to keep yourself out of the poorhouse.

"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Have a goal and then track your spending as opposed to just letting it leak out," Daga said.

First step: Stop flashing that credit card like it's a MENSA badge — the only person you're impressing is the cashier ... with how clueless you are.

"You have to manage it as a convenience, not as a source of money. It only makes the credit card companies rich, not you," Daga said.

She recommends always hunting for bargains and wait-



Online shopping is too convenient, and therefore dangerous, experts say.

ing for sales. But remember to go alone — shopping with friends leads to more impulse buys.

"When you go alone, you have more time to think," Daga said.

And stay away from Internet shopping.

"It's too convenient. A lot of times it can be dangerous," Daga said.

For bargain hunters, one great resource is the International Student Identity Card (ISIC). If you're a full-time student (or at least registered as one!) and can spare about \$20, the card can potentially save you a decent amount of money both around the world and in-

side Canada on air travel with Travel Cuts, coach lines, hotels and even restaurants.

If you commute reasonably short distances to school, consider putting your butt into a bike seat to get to campus instead of paying to use public transit — it will be cheaper and probably help fight off some of that mac'n'cheese-induced cellulite.

For students who need to get out of the city, the Car-Sharing Co-Op of Edmonton offers hourly and daily access to a car for rates that tend to be competitive with rental cars. Users sign up (at www.web.net/~cce/), then reserve times and car locations on the website for a small fee, which includes gas and insurance.

"Renting might seem expensive, but it's definitely a lot cheaper than owning a car," Daga said.

Set a budget you can handle and STICK TO IT! Nothing is more embarrassing than asking that hottie from psych class out, then realizing you blew this week's date money on yet another Simpsons boxed set.

If you're trying to save money to pay for school, stop using your credit card when you go shopping. "It only makes the credit card companies rich, not you," says accounting professor and chartered accountant Sandra Daga.



« If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Have a goal and then track your spending as opposed to just letting it leak out. »

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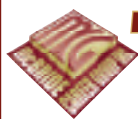
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Tax credits can add up

Many students unaware of breaks

By LEYLA EMORY
for Metro Edmonton

Saving for school? Splurge on a fancy dinner, it will help finance your education — sort of. Students are eligible for a slew of tax credits, many of which they know nothing about.

Amanda Leclerc will be starting her masters in research studies at the University of Toronto in the fall. Had she moved more than 40 kilometres for her summer job, she would have been eligible to claim moving expenses, which include meals for 15 days. "A lot of students don't realize things like that," says Cleo Hamel, senior tax analyst for H&R Block.

"One of my biggest obstacles in terms of financing my education is learning about what tax credits and funding is out there," admits 28-year-old Leclerc.

If she were still paying off a Canada Student Loan from her undergrad, she

could get a tax credit on the interest. Provided she's fastidious in keeping receipts, come September she would get a tax credit on her transit costs. By attending an accredited university, she would get a tax credit for the time she spends in class. As a full-time student, that's \$400 a month. If she was part time, it would be \$120. Regardless of whether she buys a single book, she would be allotted \$65 a month in textbook credits (\$20 if she was part-time).

"When you consider all the different credits that are available, they could add up to quite a bit," says Hamel.

Chances are, as a full-time student, Leclerc won't be raking in the cash. So she won't have much taxable income to use her credits on. But they'll be waiting. "If you don't need them, you can carry them forward into future years," says Hamel.

If Leclerc does have time to take on a part-time job, Hamel recommends she file a tax return, even if her income is below the personal exemption amount.

"You're allowed to earn up to \$9,600 before you have to start paying tax,"



LEYLA EMORY/METRO EDMONTON

Amanda Leclerc, who will be starting her masters in research studies in the fall, will be eligible for many tax credits, including one on her transit costs.

says Hamel. "Working paycheck to paycheck, your employer won't know whether you're going to make more or less than the personal exemption, so they're required to make payroll deductions. If you don't file a tax return you won't be able to get back the money that shouldn't have been deducted to begin with."

For a quick tutorial on Tax 101, Hamel recommends websites such as cra.gc.ca and hrblock.com. Both have information pertaining specifically to students.

"The big thing is making sure you're informed," she says.



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Inexperience can breed confusion with pay stubs

By RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Edmonton

Between the cost of tuition, books, residence fees and day-to-day life, it's no surprise that most students take on summer jobs to stay afloat financially between school years.

Unfortunately, few understand the ins and outs of exactly how they get paid.

Angela Haier, an experienced payroll adviser and

vice-president of ADP Canada, says inexperience can often breed confusion for many students at a summer job.

"For a lot of them, it's their first paycheck. If there's a payroll mistake, it's often because payroll is complex. It looks easy, but it's not," Haier said.

Haier recommends taking a good look at your first pay stub to see what is being deducted so you can get a sense

of where your money is going. First order of business: The Canada Pension Plan. If you are over 18, your employer should be taking off a premium, but if you're not 18, CPP payments should not be taken out of your pay at all.

Next, make sure taxes are being taken off, correctly, from your paycheques. Students still have to pay taxes like anyone else and finding out a year later that you actually owe a large sum of

money to the government is infinitely more painful than just having a few bucks disappear regularly. You should also leave a reliable address for your employer to later send your T4 tax slip to, and make sure to pick up T4 slips from every place you work during the summer.

Haier also recommends keeping track of all hours you work so you can check to see they're being included on your pay stubs.



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Investing key for teens

Stash 25 per cent of all income for school: Expert

By BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Edmonton

It's one thing for a teen student to ask mom or dad for a few dollars to hang out at the mall — but would they casually ask for several thousand dollars at once to attend school? Less likely.

That's why, if a teenager is planning to attend a post-secondary institution after high school, they might want to consider saving for it now, if they haven't started already. College and university tuition fees are rising every year, and more often than not graduates are carrying debts from school well into their 30s.

Ottawa-based financial expert Robert Abboud advises 25 per cent of what a prospective post-secondary student makes, be it through parental allowance or a part-time job, should be stashed away toward education. There are a number of ways — though they're not easy for a frugal teen with a low-income part-time job — to do this besides the traditional savings account method.

"It's really hard for someone, especially if they're only a couple of years away, to get that cre-

finance don'ts

» Forget about buying a car. More than likely, the insurance rates will be too high for you to afford. Take public transit, or borrow your parents' car if you have to, and be careful with it.

» Once you get to college or university, you're going to be a target for credit card companies. If you must have a credit card (and "must" means using it to buy books and supplies



Forget about buying that new car if you're trying to save money.

that you may not be able to buy with cash), get a jointly held card with your parents with a small limit, such as \$500.

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» Create a budget for yourself. Calculate your income (part-time jobs, student grants, parental assistance or any other source where you get money). Now add up all your expenses (transit, food, clothing, music, anything else you spend money on). This should give you a better idea of what you'll need to get by, and whether you'll need help.

ative because they're barely making money," says Abboud.

A high-yield savings account, somewhere such as ING or PC Financial, is a place to start a solid investment, as are GICs or money market funds. Some financial institutions even offer mutual funds with maturity dates coinciding with the time a student would start school (though Abboud advises this should start at 13- or 14 years old). These funds will more than likely guarantee at least the principal amount, or the highest unit price the fund had over the number of years in which it was invested.

Starting early is key. Families with younger kids can explore the possibility of the Canada Learning Bond. Parents can receive the bond if their child was born after Dec. 31, 2003, and if their monthly Canada Child Tax Benefit payment includes the Child Benefit Supplement — the supplement is generally meant for families with a net annual income of less than \$35,595. Students might also be eligible for the Canada Education Savings

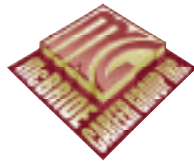
Grant. It's a grant from the federal government that pays directly into a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP). Amounts depend on annual net family incomes and contributions. For the first \$500 saved in an RESP, the grant gives: Up

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Hasty spending on rise in teens

Lessons about money should be part of curriculum: Adviser

By BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Edmonton

They're smart, diverse and technology savvy, but experts warn that today's teens are looking at a future of debt if they don't brush up on their financial skills.

More than ever before, teenagers are being inundated with the message that happiness and independence are achievable through spending money. One example being a commercial pitching a MuchMusic MasterCard, singled out by both the Toronto Star and Credit Canada last year, in which Danny, a "recovering momma's boy," says he "really wasn't in control of his life" until he discovered the pre-paid card, which is "as

easy as loading it and spending it." Kids as young as 13 can get one with their parents as account holders, and teens 16 and up can apply on their own.

While there's no danger of accumulating debt with pre-paid cards of that kind, those in the know say it encourages a growing culture of impulsive spending and a view that debt is inevitable regardless of financial discipline. ScotiaMcLeod financial adviser Preet Banerjee says marketers are eager to build brand loyalty at an early age, and kids and teens are being kept in the dark on financial responsibility.

"Not even close," says Banerjee when asked if teens are financially literate. "You have these shows with Hollywood teens bragging about their diamond-encrusted cellphones and \$500 designer jeans. It certainly doesn't help the situation. I've said



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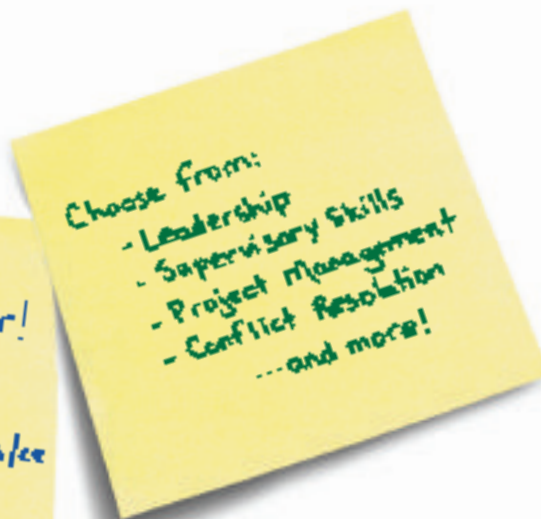
this many times before: Personal finance needs to be integrated into school curriculums. 'Spend less than you earn.' It's simple, and it should be drilled into kids from the time they're able to do math. No one's doing it. It's not enforced."

Debt makes a difference. In his book Credit Card Nation: The Consequences Of America's Addiction To Credit, author Robert Manning says the amount of U.S. students entering their first year of post-secondary

with credit cards tripled over a three-year period. He estimates seven to 10 per cent of post-secondary students will drop out due to credit problems — explaining they're too embarrassed to admit debt to parents, students work more hours than class schedules will safely allow to make up the money, resulting in poor grades.

Mackenzie Financial's 'Til You're Blue In The Face: A Parent-Teen Discussion Guide To Thrift, Saving And

Getting Rich says teens, though they may not be thinking about a future where they'll have to pay their own way, are genuinely interested in personal finance and often look to parents for help. The guide says parents should take the opportunity to educate them: Showing them statements of savings plans and how they've accrued value, discussing mortgage payments and interest, and how it all fits into the financial plans of the family.



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For those keeping their car

Here's how to lower gas costs

This week one of our Smart Cookies is handing back her leased vehicle and opting for public transit. With gas prices soaring, we can't help but think it's a smart decision. However, those of us who rely on cars to get around (this includes two Smart Cookies), have to be a bit more creative and efficient to not pay a small fortune for our fuel.

Below are a few of Smart Cookies' top tips on saving at the pump.

» Watch your idle time. Letting your engine idle for more than 30 seconds will burn more gas than restarting the engine, so



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turn the engine off if you expect a long wait.

» Resist the convenience of the drive-thru. We know it's tough to avoid when you've just hopped out of bed and are running for a coffee. But for those who regularly use a drive-thru, the best choice is to park the car and go in. Five to 20 minutes of fuel is consumed each time the drive-thru is used and for those who use one often, this is an unnecessary waste of fuel.

» Map out your errands. Do multiple errands on the same morning or afternoon and plan out your trip ahead of time. Consolidate drives to locations that are close to each other. If possible, park your car in one spot and walk when you get there.

» Take a break from driving. Carpool, take public transit or telecommute one day per week instead of driving to work.

» Check the web for deals. Several gasoline price watching websites let you find the best deals in your area. *Gasbuddy.com* is one



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of our favourites.

» Keep your tires properly inflated and aligned. Under-inflated tires cause fuel consumption to increase by six per cent.

» Change your oil. Clean oil reduces wear caused by friction between moving parts and removes harmful substances from the engine.

» Check and replace air filters regularly. Your car's air filter keeps impurities in the air from damaging internal engine components. Clogged filters can cause up to a 10 per cent increase in fuel consumption.

» Park in the first spot you find. If you wander all over the parking lot looking for

that really close parking space, you'll use more gas and waste more time.

Smart Cookies say don't be afraid to walk a ways if it comes to that — you'll be saving money and burning calories all at once!

We would like to dedicate this column to the loving memory of Duane — 2001 Pontiac Grand AM. Thanks for the good times.

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METRO NEWS SERVICE

Day to night makeup



From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@alive.com

When it comes to makeup, it's easier than you think to transform a neutral daytime palette into something chic and sultry for a night out.

To go from day to evening, keep your look fresh and natural — just add depth, a little shimmer, and more shine.

FIND GOOD-QUALITY, PORTABLE PRODUCTS

» Before you head out in the morning, along with your makeup, pack a set of professional makeup brushes made with natural bristles. Not only are they handy for

touchups, but they are also easier to clean and carry fewer bacteria than sponge applicators.

FOCUS ON YOUR EYES

» Now play up your eyes. After all, smoky eyes are a girl's best friend. Try adding a darker taupe eyeshadow in the crease and to the outside corner of the lid, blending well. Using charcoal, chocolate brown or deep plum eyeliner or shadow, line the eye at the lash line and smudge for instant drama.

GIVE FLAWS THE SLIP

» To get ready for the evening, freshen your look by removing existing makeup and reapplying foundation to a clean complexion. Apply tinted moisturizer or a light concealer

Allow smoky eyes to dominate your evening look with a nude or natural shade of lipstick, layered with clear or tinted lip gloss.



on trouble spots such as blemishes or sunspots, and set with a dusting of translucent powder.

MAKE YOUR LIPS SPEAK VOLUMES

» Neutral lipstick colours plump up lips naturally and

allow smoky eyes to dominate your evening look. Apply a nude or natural shade of lipstick and layer with clear or tinted lip gloss.

GET CHEEKY

» Highlight cheekbones with a bronzy glow. Blend sheer powder or liquid highlighter into the tops of the cheekbones. Play with light by adding highlights to the centre of the forehead, chin, neck and shoulders.

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Etiquette tips for garage sale goers



HINESIGHT
ANNE HINES

Summer. Time to slap on the Coppertone, throw on a coverup, floppy hat, dark glasses, and get out and enjoy the sun. I am a great believer in sunscreen. I use SPF 597. By September, I often end up whiter than I started out.

This is also the season to participate in that great Canadian ritual, the street garage sale. In my neighbourhood, we call it the annual Trading of the Trash. Once a year, for three hours on a Saturday morning, we attempt to sell our friends and neighbours all the things we can't wait to get rid of our selves.

Having had years of garage sale experience, I am

happy to provide these handy tips to those trying it for the first time.

If the sale is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., the serious buyers will arrive at your place promptly at 6:45 a.m.

It is poor etiquette to view any item of your neighbour's and exclaim, "I can't believe you actually bought that!"

particularly when you yourself are trying to hock the coconut bra you brought back from your last vacation.

Seek out garage sales being thrown by gay couples. The stuff they're throwing out will be nicer than the stuff you're keeping.

Impress on your children that the point of a street sale is to get rid of more stuff than they buy from other people. One year my daughter, Becky, came home dragging a giant pink semi-petrified stuffed horse that she couldn't believe someone sold to her for \$1. I am still not speaking to those neighbours.

A common mistake among newbie garage-salers is assuming that the designer feathered lamp you paid \$200 for in a store ought to fetch more than \$1.50 at a garage sale. To find the proper price, follow these simple steps.

1.) Imagine that the item being priced was a birthday gift from an ex-boyfriend/girlfriend/employer/spouse.

2.) Imagine you noticed a sticker on the bottom that said, "Free with purchase of Beefyman Beer."

3.) Imagine the item also came with a card reading, "To Sue, with all my love."

4.) Your name is not Sue. Subtract 25¢ (if you still can) and you have the proper garage sale price.

Finally, feel free to buy for your self anything and everything that catches your eye. You'll have something to sell next year.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



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Hip-hop producer Timbaland, left, tied the knot with publicist and mother of his child Monique Idlett in Aruba on Sunday.

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Indiana Jones back on top overseas

Propelled by a powerhouse opening in Japan, Indiana Jones And The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull reclaimed the No. 1 spot at the foreign box office after an absence of two weekends.

The adventure earned US \$25 million from 62 markets, lifting its total foreign take to \$392 million. Japan contributed a huge \$13.1 million. The Incredible Hulk was second overall with \$23.4 million from 50 territories — 12 of them new — raising its international total to \$63.3 million.

Sex And The City finished a close No. 3 with \$21.4 million from 52 territories. Its foreign total stands at \$170 million. Kung Fu Panda finished at No. 4 with \$19 million from 18 territories.

REUTERS

Big dream, small town

Earl Stevenson cracks Top 24 on Canadian Idol

By SANDY CAETANO
for Metro Edmonton

Being from a big city tends to get competitors in shows like Canadian Idol a lot of lime-light, which can work as a benefit for those coming from small towns like Earl Stevenson.

This Top 24 competitor, who found his passion for singing and playing the guitar after hurting his knee snowboarding, wants to show Canada that you don't have to be from a big city to know how to sing.

"I think in small towns

you stay under the radar and get to develop naturally," says Stevenson, 23, from Lloydminster, Alta. "Being from a small town you're not exposed to the entertainment industry, so it gives you more of a chance to develop your own style."

Just because Stevenson is from a small place like Lloydminster and makes his living from working as a swamper for a backhoe operator, doesn't mean he isn't ready for the challenge either. Stevenson says it just thrives him more to fight for what he wants — and that's having a long lasting music career.

"It's important to me to come here and show that you don't need to be from



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Earl Stevenson, 23, of Lloydminster, Alta., is one of Canadian Idol's Top 24.

some big city to have knowledge and style about music, anyone can do it," says Stevenson. "I think being

from a small town gives you an edge because you can get everyone excited and pumped to vote (for you)."

And all the added support from his family and friends is a bonus that comes from being from a small town. "My Mother and cousin have been making posters and t-shirts to create a real buzz," he says. "I think it's very im-

portant to have the support of the people you love, because it's pretty rough when you feel you're against (the odds) ... It gives me the confidence to know that I got to keep going and working hard."

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Pop star Janet Jackson, right, might feel "allergic to marriage," but she is ready to have a baby, says longtime boyfriend Jermaine Dupri. SOURCE: PEOPLE.COM



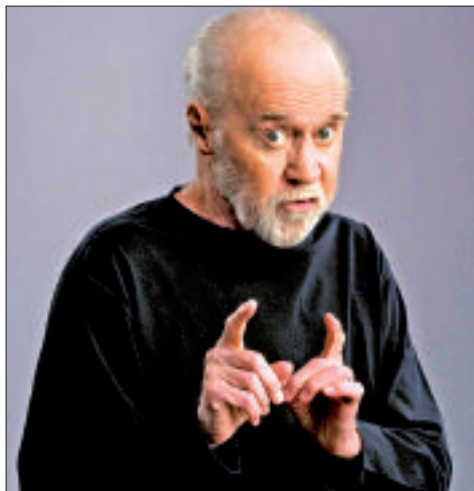
Carlin remembered for edginess

Counter-culture comic, 71, dies of heart failure

Comedian George Carlin, a counter-culture hero famed for his routines about drugs, dirty words and the demise of humanity, died of heart failure at a Los Angeles-area hospital.

Carlin, who had a history of heart and drug-dependency problems, died at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica about 6 p.m. PDT (9 p.m. EDT) after being admitted earlier in the afternoon for chest pains, spokesman Jeff Abraham told Reuters.

Known for his edgy, provocative material developed over 50 years, the bald, bearded Carlin achieved status as an anti-Establishment icon in the 1970s with stand-



Comedian George Carlin is shown promoting his 2008 HBO TV special *George Carlin It's Bad for Ya*. Carlin, famed for his routines about drugs and dirty words, died of heart failure at a Los Angeles-area hospital on June 23. He was 71.

up bits full of drug references and a routine called Seven Words You Can Never Say On Television. A regulatory bat-

tle over a radio broadcast of the routine ultimately reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the 1978 case, Federal Communications Commission vs. Pacifica Foundation, the top U.S. court ruled that the words cited in Carlin's routine were indecent, and that the government's broadcast regulator could ban them from being aired at times when children might be listening.

The Grammy-winning Carlin remained an active presence on the comedy circuit. Carlin was scheduled to receive the John F. Kennedy Center's prestigious Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in November and his publicist said Carlin performed in Las Vegas this month.

His comedic sensibility revolved around a central theme: humanity is a cursed, doomed species.

"I don't have any beliefs or allegiances. I don't believe in this country, I don't believe in religion, or a god, and I don't believe in all these man-made institutional ideas," he told Reuters in a 2001 interview.

Carlin told *Playboy* in 2005 that he looked forward to an afterlife where he could watch the decline of civilization on a "heavenly CNN."

"The world is a big theatre-in-the-round as far as I'm concerned, and I'd love to watch it spin itself into oblivion," he said. "Tune in and watch the human adventure."

Carlin wrote three best-selling books, won four

Grammy Awards, recorded 22 comedy albums, headlined 14 HBO television specials, and hosted hundreds of variety shows. One was the first episode of *Saturday Night Live* in 1975, when he was high on cocaine.

Drug addiction plagued him for much of his life, beginning with marijuana experimentation as a teen, graduating to cocaine in the 1970s, and then to prescription painkillers and wine.

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I'm no Simon Cowell, insists JC Chasez

By **TINA CHADHA**
Metro World News

JC Chasez would rather not be compared to Simon Cowell just because he's a judge on MTV's wildly popular competitive dance show, *America's Best Dance Crew*.



JC Chasez

"Everyone says that but I've never once said anything mean," explains the 32-year-old former 'N SYNC singer who, like Cowell, entices boos from the crowd for his harsh critiques, even to seemingly perfect routines.

Chasez is a stickler for "details."

"I've never said, like, I'd rather stab myself in the eye than watch you guys dance," he says indignantly. "I give critiques, you know, because I want it to be the best it can possibly be. I want them to achieve their maximum potential."

If Chasez sounds like a relentless stage mom, it's because of all those years he spent in the spotlight as a Mouseketeer on Disney's Mickey Mouse Club where, together with pals such as Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears, he learned the kind of skills that made 'N SYNC "the biggest band in the world" at the time, selling 56 million records worldwide. Now, the singer and songwriter-writer from

Maryland gets to share this knowledge when he reprises his judging duties on the second season of *America's Best Dance Crew*, premiering on June 19.

The show, a brainchild of Randy Jackson, capitalizes on the country's current obsession with dance. Each week, hip hop crews battle it out to see who can krump, pop lock and flip the best.

The response to the first season was so overwhelming (7.9 million regular viewers and more than 38 million voted during the finale) that MTV couldn't wait to bring it back.

When viewers aren't on the couch watching the show, they're online ripping Chasez and

fellow judge 'Lil Mama apart for their critiquing style.

"I actually lived in the group dynamic from the onstage point of view of what we wanted to project," says Chasez of his judging credentials.

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Actress Elizabeth Perkins, left, has blasted the myth the cast of the comedy *Weeds* smoke real marijuana on-set, insisting producers supply them with a harmless "stunt herb."

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Lawsuits, debts and sales

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT'S DUE:

Three writers and producers are taking Corey Haim and Corey Feldman — aka "The Two Coreys" — to court, claiming that they deserve credit for the reality show of the same name that brings the '80s has-beens back together, according to a *TMZ.com* story. The trio are asking for US \$1 million in compensation.

The lesson of the day is that Hollywood is the only place where anyone would think of demanding credit for such a thing.

It's like some clapped-out swinger fighting for royalties on herpes.

BAD NEWS FOR SECOND BANANAS:

Last month, we learned that Ed McMahon



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was about to lose his Beverly Hills home, as unpaid mortgage loans meant almost immediate foreclosure, news that was somehow played as a high water mark in the U.S. subprime mortgage crisis.

This week, *TMZ.com* is carrying a story that, thanks to debts run up by his wife, Pamela, he owes some \$750,000 on his American Express card.

Did you ever get the feeling that everything started going to hell the morning after Johnny Carson went off the air?

NOT JUST SURVIVING:

Former paratrooper and "manny" Mark Burnett might have a few bucks he can loan McMahon, with news that the reality TV impresario is rumoured to be selling his production company to IMG, the talent agency and production company that brought you such golden titles as *American Gladiators* and *Battle Of The Network Stars*.

According to a story by the usually reliable Nikki Finke of L.A. Weekly, Burnett is discussing a figure of around \$500 million for his stable of reality shows,

half of it up front, the rest to be "earned out" — paid when IMG sees the returns on its investment. IMG's head of global operations was recently witnessed defending Burnett at a Hollywood entertainment conference this week, and went on to say that Burnett was a "visionary genius" who's "reimagining television and its models."

Considering how steeply almost all of Burnett's "visionary" shows lose viewership after their first couple of seasons, IMG must have inside information that O.J. Simpson will be doing the next *Celebrity Apprentice* chained to Judge Lance Ito, Marcia Clark and Mark Fuhrman, in a Plexiglas sphere suspended over a

huge vat of boiling Cheez Whiz.

GEORGE CARLIN R.I.P.:

The comedian, who passed away this weekend, was one of the major inspirations of my young life — proof of how much mileage you could get just by telling jokes that made your parents upset. I'd write a longer tribute, but I'm pretty sure I already did that a couple of years ago, when I managed to get a certain Anglo-Saxon four-letter expletive printed over a dozen times in this column, without a single complaint.

That one was for you, George.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

television

Rivals join fight against Blue fine

INDECENCY? More than three years after it went off the air, *NYPD Blue* is still at the centre of a battle over broadcast indecency, Reuters reports.

Fox, NBC, Telemundo and CBS on Friday filed a legal brief denouncing as unconstitutional the Federal Communications Commission's decision to fine ABC \$1.2 million for airing a female derriere during a 2003 episode of the cop drama.

ABC paid the fine, and then appealed to New York's 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal, claiming the commission's decision is "arbitrary, capricious and contrary to the law."

The intervenor filing by the rival broadcasters claims the FCC's order "reveals various starkly unlawful and unconstitutional aspects" of an "expanding regime" bent on enforcing bans on "indecent" broadcasting.

The FCC has said it will defend the order and continue to enforce the law when inappropriate content is aired at a time when children are watching TV.

books

Shields releases children's book

PEOPLE Actress Brooke Shields, who will publish her first children's book today, said writing the story was more difficult than recording her struggle with postpartum depression.

"This honestly was so much harder than writing (her memoirs) *Down Came The Rain*," Shields told Reuters in a recent interview.

"When you're dealing with a children's book so much has to be said in the drawings and then whatever's left, the most important part, has to be preserved for the one or two lines."

"It's just easier for me to be verbose," she said, laughing.

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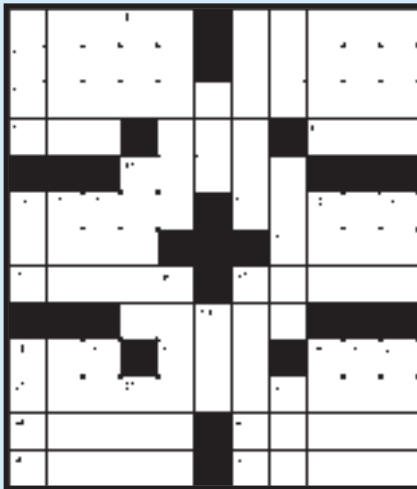
What is it with television and the fixation on hunky doctors? In the new episode "Baby? What Baby?" Bobbi (Gabrielle Miller) meets Dr. Right (guest star Shaun Majumder). He's cute, charming and has money to burn. Perfect, right? Well, he would be if he liked kids — of which Bobbi happens to have one. Can the good doctor be turned into father material in time for the wedding in Bobbi's imagination? 9:30 PM on CFRN



Blood Ties

Deja vu plotlines can be annoying if not done right. Fortunately, in the case of "5:55," the writers did it well. After having the same dream over and over, Vicki (Christina Cox) realizes it's not all in her head: She's actually living the same day more than once. With the realization come her attempts to change fate — which seems to have it in for Mike and Henry (Dylan Neal, Kyle Schmid). Gina Holden, Derek Peakman and Mike Antonakos co-star. 7 PM on SPACE

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| 3 Family fight | 25 Logger's tool |
| 4 Easter find | 26 Cover |
| 5 Gung-ho | 30 Statue sites |
| 6 Pirate ship | 31 Nabokov book |
| 7 Tavern | 33 Small rug |
| 8 Slant | 34 Melville captain |
| 9 Different | 35 Flight cost |
| 10 Bird abode | 36 Harbour boats |
| 14 Singer Ritter | 38 Phone pioneer |
| 18 Folded-over snacks | 39 Tibet setting |
| 19 Peaceful protest | 40 Snakes of Egypt |
| 20 Last mo. | 42 Belly |
| 21 Writer Levin | 43 Bolt partner |

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| 6 Out of bed | 20 Singer Shore | 37 "East of Eden" |
| 11 Last Greek letter | 23 Archenemy | brother |
| 12 Foot-leg connection | 27 Rock's Clapton | 38 Sheep sound |
| 13 Unruly quality | 28 Curbside cry | 41 Proud quality |
| 15 Finale | 29 Poultry buy | 44 Debate |
| 16 Scarlet | 31 Like some jackets | 45 Dutch bloom |
| 17 Soggy | 32 "Plaza Suite" playwright | 46 Outdoes |
| 18 Government in- | | 47 Map book |

previous answer



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Living fear is and any math symbols and operations, can you come up with an answer of 23?

Previous Answer

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instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes Genius
13-17 minutes Scholar
17-21 Smart
21-25 Pretty good
More than 25 Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 24, 1880: First performance of our national anthem, O Canada, at the Congrès national des Canadiens-Français.

June 24, 1916: Mary Pickford becomes the first female film star to get a million-dollar contract.

June 24, 1918: First airmail service in Canada from Montreal to Toronto.

June 24, 1983: Space Shuttle program: STS-7 Mission Sally Ride, first female American astronaut, returns to Earth.

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Afternoon



Thunderstorms.
19°

Tonight



Cloudy.
Low 10°

Wednesday



Partly sunny.
19° / 9°

Thursday



Variable.
18° / 8°

Friday



Variable.
22° / 11°

Temperature

Normals
High: 20.8°
Low: 8.9°

Records

High: 30°/1936
Low: -1.7°/1905

Sunrise: 5:05 a.m.
Sunset: 10:07 p.m.

Moonrise: 12:36 a.m.
Moonset: 11:41 a.m.

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Dion holds world's worst cover version

Music: Celine Dion is responsible for the world's worst cover version, a poll of music experts has decided. The star's rendition of the AC/DC track *You Shook Me All Night Long* was given the dubious honour in the Total Guitar magazine survey, BBC News Online reports.

Dion's cover was "sacrilege," editor Stephen Lawson said. The experts also judged the best cover versions, with Jimi Hendrix's performance of the Bob Dylan song *All Along the Watchtower* top of the list. A Sugababes and Girls Aloud version of *Walk This Way*, a huge hit for Aerosmith and Run DMC, came second in the list of worst covers.

Westlife's 1999 version of the ballad *More Than Words* by rock band Extreme was third in the list. Will Young was fourth with his cover of The Doors' *Light My Fire*, which reached number one in the U.K. top 40 charts in 2002, and The Mike Flowers Pops rounded off the top five with their cover of Oasis' *Wonderwall*.

In the list of best covers, The Beatles' rendition of *Twist and Shout*, first recorded by the Top Notes, was in second place, followed by the Guns N' Roses version of the Wings' song *Live and Let Die*. Nirvana's cover of *The Man Who Sold the World* by David Bowie, and Muse's *Feeling Good*, made famous by Nina Simone, also appeared in the Top 5.

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Lopez throws a fit while shopping?

PEOPLE: Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez reportedly pulled diva-esque behaviour while shopping at the Catherine Malandrino boutique in Manhasset, N.Y., near where she lives with her husband, Marc Anthony, PageSix.com reports.



"She demanded the store be shut down for her to shop alone, but they said, 'Absolutely not,'" said a source. "Then one of her eight-person entourage, including two bodyguards with their guns showing, was yelling at the clerk that Jennifer gets a 50 per cent discount."

Lopez's rep did not return a call for comment.

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people

REALITY TV The producers of *Celebrity Apprentice*, real-estate mogul Donald Trump's reality TV competition, have asked Heather Mills to be a contestant on the show's next season, PageSix.com reports an insider as saying. "Donald (Trump) really likes her, so he was into the idea," said the source.

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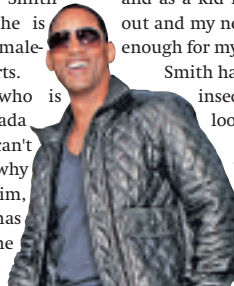
Smith doesn't think he's sexy

ATTRACTIVE Will Smith doesn't think he is sexy, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor, who is married to Jada Pinkett-Smith, can't understand why women like him, because he has never believed he is attractive.

"I've never seen myself as sexy," Smith said. "I've been six-foot-two since I was 12, and as a kid my ears stuck out and my neck wasn't big enough for my head."

Smith has always been insecure about his looks and claims he has never been very successful with the opposite sex. METRO NEWS SERVICES



rumours

Depp's marriage not true: Publicist

NUPTIALS Johnny Depp's publicist has been forced to speak out to quash reports alleging the actor and his longtime partner Vanessa Paradis have married, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actor was rumoured to be planning to wed Paradis at actress Sandra Bullock's Georgia home earlier this month, but Depp's representative shot down those claims, insisting they were false. The couple has been together for 10 years and have two children.

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Celebrity brief

SUPPORT Kate Moss is said to be "beside herself" following Rhys Ifans' split from Sienna Miller, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The supermodel, who has had a rocky friendship with the actress, has been rallying around Ifans since the breakup earlier this month, and is doing everything she can to cheer him up.

Meanwhile, Miller is getting support from some unlikely sources, including her ex-boyfriend Jude Law.

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Celebrity Buzz

Spears fears she'll die at 27

LIFE Britney Spears fears she won't live to see her 28th birthday, according to the author of a shocking new expose about the troubled pop star.

Biographer and journalist Ian Halperin spent 18 months studying the singer as an undercover paparazzo, getting close to the star and her inner circle, femalefirst.co.uk reports. And now he's writing about his findings in a book which he hopes to have on

shelves by Christmas.

Amid all the claims of drug abuse, bipolar problems and suicidal tendencies, Halperin states Spears told him personally she fears she will die at 27.

The biographer, who ironically penned a book about Kurt Cobain — who lost his life at 27, tells *Life & Style*

magazine, "She told me she feared she'd die at age 27 (her current age), just like other music stars, like Janis Joplin and Kurt Cobain."

Spears turns 28 on Dec. 2.

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Ritchie ventures into whisky

BUSINESS Madonna's husband, Guy Ritchie, is planning to take on a new business venture by creating his own whisky, imdb.com reports. The moviemaker is set on making the best and most ex-

pensive whisky ever, rumoured to sell for up to six figures. A source tells Britain's *The Sun*, "He plans to stuff the current top prices with his brand. He reckons there are plenty of rich businessmen and rock stars who would pay six figures for the world's best whisky."

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Paltrow pregnant?

RUMOURS Gwyneth Paltrow has sparked rumours she is pregnant after she was spotted with a much more shapely figure, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 35-year-old star also

revealed earlier this month she would consider having another baby because she loves being a mum.

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Holmes sends Kidman surprise gift

BABY BASKET Actress Katie Holmes is making nice with mom-to-be Nicole Kidman by giving her baby gifts, star-magazine.com reports. Holmes shipped a gift basket to Kidman, the ex-wife of her husband, Tom Cruise. The basket has been stuffed with toys, onesies, a blanket and more from Neiman Marcus in Beverly Hills,

Calif., an insider tells *Star*. Kidman is eight months pregnant. "Katie wanted the best of everything in the basket," the insider says. "It cost over \$2,000."

Kidman recently gave an interview to *Vogue* magazine, in which she talks about finding love with husband Keith Urban, being pregnant with her first biological child and the photo that made her cry.

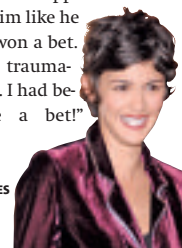
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Tautou struggles with celeb status

PEOPLE Actress Audrey Tautou was sickened by the way her life changed after becoming a celebrity, imdb.com reports. The *Da Vinci Code* star shot to international stardom after her roles in French cult film *Amelie* and the big-screen adaptation of Dan Brown's hit book, but has struggled with losing her anonymity. She tells Britain's *Daily Express*, "I remember when I became very famous after *Amelie* ... A guy came over and gave me a kiss on the cheek. I was shocked. Then he went back to his table and everybody was applauding him like he had won a bet. I was traumatized. I had become a bet!"

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people

WEDDING Ellen DeGeneres has set a date for her wedding to Portia de Rossi, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple — who have been together since December 2004 — revealed their intention to marry when same sex ceremonies were legalized in California last month.

DeGeneres refused to reveal when the wedding will take place, but did tell fans the ceremony will be broadcast on her talk show.

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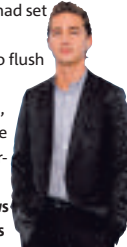


alarm bells

LIGHTING UP Shia LaBeouf set off smoke alarms in a U.S. museum when he lit a cigarette in the bathroom, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 21-year-old actor received a stern warning from officials at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, in Washington, D.C., after attempting to smoke in the bathroom while filming his new movie *Transformers 2*. When he realized he had set off the alarm, LaBeouf tried to flush the cigarette down the toilet, according to the *National Enquirer* magazine.

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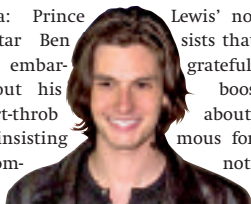


Barnes unhappy with sex symbol status

HEART-THROB The Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian star Ben Barnes is embarrassed about his new heart-throb status — insisting he is not comfortable

when people view him as a sex symbol, imdb.com reports. The 26-year-old shot to fame with the title role in the latest adaptation of C.S.

Lewis' novels. Barnes insists that although he is grateful for the career boost, he is worried about becoming famous for his looks and not his acting. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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